

REMARKS

Claims 1-62 are in the application. Claims 1-62 were rejected in view of Fallside, in combination with a number of other references.

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the recent interview. Applicant believes that the discussions during the interview were helpful to clarify the inventive subject matter and highlighted certain aspects of the claims that might benefit from clarification.

Applicant has amended certain of the claims to address certain informalities that were noted, which Applicant submits should address the Section 112 matters noted by the Examiner. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of the claims that resulted in the identification of certain of these informalities which are corrected herein.

While Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections, Applicant has chosen to clarify the claims in the manner discussed in the interview to emphasize certain fundamental distinctions over the cited references. Applicant submits that, for at least the reasons set forth below, the cited combinations are readily distinguishable from the invention defined by the presently pending claims, and all claims should be allowable.

The context of the presently pending claims is the configuration update of a programmable logic device-based packet filtering system ("PLD system") operating to filter packets received from a packet-based network, wherein rules are used in a determination of whether a packet is to be junked. As the Examiner has pointed out, the Fallside reference does mention music downloads from the internet at col. 1:14-20. However, Applicant submits that this portion of the Fallside reference does not describe many aspects of the presently amended claims, such as using rules to determine whether or not a packet will be junked, etc.

Applicant also wishes to note that there four applications filed by Applicant based on the same product development efforts. These are:

<u>Ser. No.</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Examiner/Art Unit</u>
09/611,775	Pending	Jul. 7, 2000	Simitoski/2134
09/745,599	Pending	Dec. 21, 2000	Gold/2157
09/746,519	Pending	Dec. 21, 2000	Levitian/2662
09/746,107	Pending	Dec. 21, 2000	Luu/2141

Applicant has reviewed these applications and is submitting under separate cover an IDS that cross-cites the art from the other applications.

Reconsideration and allowance is requested.

If there are any questions regarding the foregoing, Applicant's attorney requests an opportunity to discuss such matters with the Examiner by way of another interview, either in-person or by telephone.

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No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,



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